Snapshot of New York’s Youngest Children (Ages 0-5)

There are approximately **1.4 million** children aged 5 and younger living in New York. (1)

**Economic Security**

- **About one in four** children ages five and younger (25%) is living in poverty. (2)
- An additional **24%** of young children ages five and younger live in low-income working families. (2)
- **About one in nine** (11%) children ages five and younger has no parent in the labor force. (3)

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For a family of four:
- poverty $22,350/year
- low-income $44,700/year
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**Health & Safety**

- **About three in four** (73.2%) babies are born to women who received early prenatal care. (4)
- **93%** of young children, ages birth to five, have health insurance. (5)
- **8.2% of babies** are born at low-birth weight. (4)
- **About two in three** (64.4%) children age 2 are fully immunized (6)
- **Five infants die** without having celebrated their first birthday for every 1,000 infants born (4)
- **4.6%** of children ages birth to five have a diagnosed disability or developmental delay. (7)
- **About one in three** children confirmed by Child Protective Services as victims of maltreatment are between the ages of birth to 4 years old. (8)
- It is estimated that **1.2%** of children ages birth to five are homeless. (9)
  This represents 31 children per mile on the NY Thruway.

**Early Childhood Education**

- **55%** of all children ages 3-4 are enrolled in preschool (10);
- **46%** of low-income children ages 3-4 are enrolled in preschool. (11)
- **86%** of children ages 1 to 5 have family members who read to them 3 or more days per week. (10)
- **New York State** has 18,904 regulated providers (child care centers, family day care and group family child care homes) with the capacity to serve 452,588 children. (12)
- **New York State** has 186 Head Start programs (including 2 Tribal and 1 Migrant and Seasonal Head Start programs) and 61 Early Head Start programs with the capacity to serve 57,948 children. (13)
- **444 of 677** school districts are funded to provide Universal Prekindergarten (UPK). There are 2,698 UPK sites with 5,628 classrooms serving 98,616 children. (14)
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